

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, 13-19, 21-22, and 24-29 are pending. Applicant has cancelled claims 2, 5, 20, and 23, and added claims 24-29 herein. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-18, and 21 in response to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and to correct minor typographical errors.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, Applicant has included the limitations of claims 2 and 5 into the applicable independent claims, as well as Applicant's other independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a prompt notice of the same.

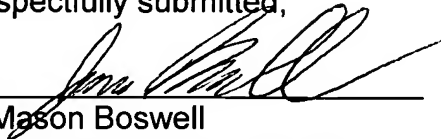
Applicant also respectfully requests acknowledgement of the IDS filed on June 6, 2005.

Based on these remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-3265. Applicant believes all required fees are being paid in connection with this response. However, if an additional fee is due,

please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 324758001US3 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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